## 28 Sep Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

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### Day 272. 28-September Daily Reading (Prophets and Writings).

#### Ezra 5.

#### Restoration of the Temple Resumed. .

Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the ELOHIM of Israel they prophesied to them.

- <sup>2</sup> Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Yeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of ELOHIM which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of ELOHIM, helping them.
- 3 At the same time came to them Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shetharbozenai, and their companions, and said thus to them, "Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall?"
- 4 Then we told them in this way, what the names of the men were who were making this building.
- 5 But the eye of their ELOHIM was on the Jewish elders, and they did not make them cease, until the matter should come to Darius, and then answer should be returned by letter concerning it.
- 6 The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shetharbozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who were beyond the River, sent to Darius the king;
- 7 they sent a letter to him, in which was written thus: To Darius the king, all peace.
- 8 Be it known to the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great ELOHIM, which is built with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls; and this work goes on with diligence and prospers in their hands.
- 9 Then we asked those elders, and said to them thus, "Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall?"
- 10 We asked them their names also, to inform you that we might write the names of the men who were at their head.
- 11 Thus they returned us answer, saying, "We are the servants of the ELOHIM of heaven and earth, and are building the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished.
- 12 But after that our fathers had provoked the ELOHIM of heaven to wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Kasdian, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.
- 13 But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of ELOHIM!
- 14 The gold and silver vessels also of the house of ELOHIM, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought into the temple of Babylon, those Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;
- 15 and he said to him, 'Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of ELOHIM be built in its place.'
- 16 Then the same Sheshbazzar came, and laid the foundations of the house of ELOHIM which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now has it been in building, and yet it is not completed.
- 17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of ELOHIM at Jerusalem; and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter."

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#### Ezra 6.

#### . The Decree of Darius. . 1

Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

- 2 There was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a scroll, and therein was thus written for a record:
- 3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree: Concerning the house of ELOHIM at Jerusalem, let the house be built, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let its foundations be strongly laid; its height sixty cubits, and its breadth sixty cubits;
- 4 with three courses of great stones, and a course of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house.
- 5 Also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of ELOHIM, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, everyone to its place; and you shall put them in the house of ELOHIM!
- 6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who are beyond the River, you must stay far from there.
- 7 Leave the work of this house of ELOHIM alone; let the governor of the Jews and the Jewish elders build this house of ELOHIM in its place.
- 8 Moreover I make a decree what you shall do to these Jewish elders for the building of this house of ELOHIM: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence to these men, that they be not hindered.
- 9 That which they have need of, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the ELOHIM of heaven; also wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail;
- 10 that they may offer sacrifices of pleasant aroma to the ELOHIM of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.
- 11 Also I have made a decree, that whoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this:
- 12 and the ELOHIM who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples who shall put forth their hand to alter the same, to destroy this house of ELOHIM which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.

#### . The Temple Completed and Dedicated. . 13

Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and their companions, because Darius the king had sent a decree, did accordingly with all diligence.

- 14 The Jewish elders built and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They built and finished it, according to the commandment of the ELOHIM of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
- 15 This house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth vear of the reign of Darius the king.
- 16 The children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of ELOHIM with joy.
- 17 They offered at the dedication of this house of ELOHIM one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

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18 They set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of ELOHIM, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

#### 19 . The Passover Celebrated. .

The children of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

- 20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure: and they killed the Passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves.
- 21 The children of Israel who had come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, ate,
- 22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for YHWH had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of Israel.

#### Psalms 93.

#### 1 . The Eternal Reign of YHWH..

YHWH reigns! He is clothed with majesty! YHWH is armed with strength. The world also is established. It can't be moved.

- 2 Your throne is established from long ago. You are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, YHWH, the floods have lifted up their voice. The floods lift up their waves.
- 4 Above the voices of many waters, the mighty breakers of the sea, YHWH on high is mighty.
- 5 Your statutes stand firm. Holiness adorns your house, YHWH, forevermore.

#### Proverbs 13.

- 1 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.
- 2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things; but the unfaithful crave violence.
- 3 He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied.
- 5 A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace.
- 6 Righteousness guards the way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- 7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing. There are some who pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hear no threats.
- 9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.
- 10 Pride only breeds guarrels, but with ones who take advice is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow.
- 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.
- 13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command will be rewarded.
- 14 The teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding wins favor; but the way of the unfaithful is hard.
- 16 Every prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing.
- 18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction

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shall be honored.

- 19 Longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.
- 20 One who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.
- 21 Misfortune pursues sinners, but prosperity rewards the righteous.
- 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.
- 23 An abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sweeps it away.
- 24 One who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.
- 25 The righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the belly of the wicked goes hungry.

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